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NOTICE

This is a Notice regarding your Notification of loss of entitlement to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27, filed on July 16, 2012, which is being treated as a request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28(c).

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue applications under 37 CFR 1.56. 1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989). Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **ACCEPTED**.  
Therefore, status as a small entity has been removed.

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